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SUBJ: RUDOLPH BARSHAY'S TROUBLES CONTINUE

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1. SOVIET CONDUCTOR BARSHAY TOLD US THAT ON AUGUST 27 OVIR HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT HIS APPLICATION TO EMIGRATE. HE SUBMITTED IT ALONG WITH A DOCUMENT FROM INYURKOLLEGIYA (SOVIET LEGAL CONSULTANTS) SAYING THAT HE WOULD NOT BE LIABLE UNDER SOVIET LAW TO PAY ALIMONY FOR HIS JAPANESE EX-WIFE AND THAT HER PERMISSION WAS NOT, THEREFORE, REQUIRED AS A PRECONDITION FOR HIM TO EMIGRATE.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 6 HE WAS CALLED IN BY OVIR WHICH RETURNED HIS APPLICATION. OVIR TOLD HIM THAT DESPITE INYURKOLLEGIYA'S LETTER, OVIR WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT HIS APPLICATION TO EMIGRATE WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM HIS WIFE.

3. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, BARSHAY WAS TOLD THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY HIS ORCHESTRA ON A TRIP TO ROMANIA SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 14. HE WAS ALSO TOLD "INFORMALLY" THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY THE ORCHESTRA ON A SIX WEEKS' TOUR OF WEST GERMANY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OCTOBER 3. HE WAS, HOWEVER, "INSTRUCTED" TO PREPARE THE ORCHESTRA TO PLAY WITHOUT A CONDUCTOR ON THESE TWO TOURS.

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4. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, BARSHAY IS STILL SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT THE ORCHESTRA AT THE OPENING OF ITS MOSCOW SEASON OCTOBER 2. IS IS INCLINED AT THIS POINT TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AND BEGIN HIS CAMPAIGN TO PRESSURE THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES INTO ALLOWING HIM TO LEAVE (REFTEL). IF HE IS NOT ALLOWED TO CONDUCT EVEN WITHIN THE USSR, HE WILL BEGIN TO AGITATE IMMEDIATELY. HE CONTINUES TO WISH TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITIES THE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO LET HIM LEAVE PEACEFULLY BEFORE HE BEGINS HIS CAMPAIGN.

5. BARSHAY IS SURPRISED (AND SO ARE WE) THAT ROMANIAN TRIP IS STILL ON, GIVEN THAT BARSHAY IS UNDER A CLOUD, THAT TWO MEMBERS OF HIS ORCHESTRA HAVE ALREADY EMIGRATED AND THAT SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS ARE ABOUT TO APPLY TO EMIGRATE.

6. BARSHAY CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT SOVIET PRETENSIONS TO BE A "MUSICAL WORLD POWER" ARE HINDERING HIS CHANCES TO LEAVE. HE REMAINS, NEVERTHELESS, CONVINCED THAT HE WILL BE OUT OF THE SOVIET UNION WITHIN ONE YEAR.  
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